

Reserves in the Pentagon, Washington, DC, from March 1987 to November 1996 serving as the Manpower Branch head and then later as the Director, Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Mobilization. In November 1996, he was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs in the Materiel and Facilities Deputate as the Director of Materiel.

Among his awards and decorations are the Meritorious Service Medal with one star, Navy Commendation Medal with one star, Navy Achievement Medal, navy Unit Commendation with one star, Meritorious Unit Commendation with two stars, Battle "E" ribbon with two "E"s, Navy Expeditionary Medal with one star, National Defense Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon with one star, and Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Bronze Hour Glass. He was appointed to the rank of captain on 01 August 1996.

Captain Sabol resides in Centerville, VA, with his wife Anne, also of Weirton, WV, and their two children, Bryon (19) and Alexis (16).

BICENTENNIAL OF RAVENNA, OHIO

HON. TOM SAWYER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, 1999 is a special year for Ravenna, Ohio. In 1799, on the cusp of a new century, Benjamin Tappan became the first settler of what is now Ravenna, in Portage County. The bicentennial of that humble beginning is being celebrated and commemorated throughout the year.

In many ways, Benjamin Tappan demonstrated in one person the diverse talents that have been so instrumental in America's growth. And, in much the same way, the story of Ravenna is the story of America.

Benjamin Tappan apprenticed as a copper-plate printer and engraver and studied portrait painting under Gilbert Stuart. He practiced law, served in the World War of 1812, and served in public life as a state senator, judge, canal commissioner, and U.S. Senator. He was, by all accounts, an independent thinker, an opponent of slavery, and a man of immense talents and principle. In short, an American archetype.

Just as Benjamin Tappan's life was characteristic of the early settlers of the wilderness that was Ohio, Ravenna's history is one of growth, adaptation, pride, and hard work.

In the 1820's, Ravenna benefitted from construction of the Pennsylvania and Ohio Canal, popularly known as "The Cross Cut," running from Akron to the Ohio River.

As technology and transportation changed, so did Ravenna. Beginning in the 1850's, the railroads arrived, gradually supplanting the canals. In the years following the Civil War, assisted by the railroads, Ravenna emerged as a manufacturing center. From glassworks to coaches, from woolen mills to cereal mills, and from foundries to rubber, Ravenna has made the tools that built America, the fabric that clothed America, the cereal that fed America, and the balloons that brightened America.

Today, access to both rail and highway transportation has helped Ravenna to attract and maintain industry, even as the region and the nation changed.

It could be said, Mr. Speaker, that there is nothing very special in any of this. Many towns, cities, and regions have changed as the nation and the economy have changed. But it is this apparent familiarity that makes Ravenna special—a community able to maintain its sense of self, its pride of achievement, celebrating its past while looking to the future. Like Benjamin Tappan, as American archetype.

The calendar of events marking this bicentennial is remarkable for its breadth, variety, and sense of fun. Two hundred trees have been planted to mark Ravenna's 200th birthday. There have been presentations of local history, workshops on making memory scrapbooks, a horse show, proclamations, and a golf outing. Still to come are a concert, a parade, fireworks, an art show, a raffle, trolley tours, and the 21st annual "Balloon-A-Fair," a continuing celebration of Ravenna's pride in its lighter-than-air heritage. In short, even as Ravenna celebrates, it cheerfully demonstrates the adage that "it's great to visit the past, but you don't have to live there to enjoy it." The past and the future share a home in Ravenna, Ohio.

At 200, Ravenna has a full, rich heritage, and on the cusp of another new century, the promise of even better things to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE AMERICORPS YOUTH PRIDE PROGRAM

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the devoted men and women of the AmeriCorps Youth Pride Program. Youth Pride Program volunteers tutor and mentor 250 low-income youth to help ensure academic achievement in Florida City, Florida. It is both an honor and a privilege for me to pay tribute to such a noble effort.

In addition to helping these students with their academics, the Youth Pride Program provides after-school activities to approximately 350 students. With a 90% decrease in school suspensions and detentions among those served, the success rate of this after school program has been outstanding.

The Youth Pride Program is part of AmeriCorps, a national network of hundreds of community service groups throughout the United States. When President Clinton created AmeriCorps, he spoke about the virtue of service to the community. Like many Americans, I strongly believe that volunteerism provides extensive benefits to volunteer, recipients, and the community at large.

Throughout our nation's history, we have relied on the dedication and action of our citizens to tackle the biggest challenges. I am pleased to say that the AmeriCorps Youth Pride Program adds to this revered tradition. I wish to congratulate the entire staff and volunteer network of the Youth Pride Program on a job well done. This is truly an achievement of which the entire South Florida community can be proud.

COMMENDING ADAM JONES FOR HIS SERVICE AS A REPUBLICAN PAGE

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Adam Jones on the completion of his service as a Republican page in the House of Representatives.

During his tenure in the nation's capital, Adam proved himself to be a reliable and tireless worker. His work ethic and attention to detail helped ensure that the trains ran on time in the House of Representatives, and he will surely be missed by the individuals he worked closely with over the last year.

Adam is an outstanding young man and an excellent student. He has compiled a grade point average of 3.79 at Northville High School, where he has assumed numerous leadership positions. In addition, Adam has volunteered his time to work on several political campaigns in Oakland and Wayne Counties and has been active in his church.

I am honored that I had the opportunity to nominate Adam for the Republican page program. He capitalized on this wonderful opportunity to work and learn in our nation's capital and enhanced his understanding of politics and the legislative process.

I have the utmost confidence that Adam will continue to achieve success in the endeavors he pursues, and I wish him the very best during his senior year at Northville High.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHARLES H. TAYLOR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, due to an unforeseen airline delay enroute to Washington, I was not present to vote on rollcall vote No. 335, the Hoeftel amendment to H.R. 1074. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on this amendment. I was also unable to vote on rollcall vote No. 336 on passage of H.R. 1074. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on this recorded vote.

CONGRATULATING PAT CAMPANILE'S STUDENTS AT SHADY LANE ELEMENTARY

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a great day, on which 30 sixth grade students from the Shady Lane Elementary School reached all of the appropriate levels on their Terra Nova test. Ms. Pat Campanile's sixth grade class is an outstanding group of young people. I wish the best of luck to the following group of sixth graders who shared this special day with me at the Shady Lane School: Courtney Callahan, Nicholas Battee, Jaimie Beeker, Destiny Bingham,